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Ernest: Pictures from the RE-mix holiday party Dec. 16 at Rockit Wrigley. We're going to rage.

Tracy: Nene had more than a nose job. Oh, that WikiLeaks.

Rudy Segovia (@rudychicago):
I better not see anything about Santa Claus on WikiLeaks!



Each time Facebook redesigns the profile pages, I ...

Ernest: ... wait for the complainers to say they're going to leave Facebook. Spoiler alert: They never do.

Tracy: ... try to keep a low profile.

Andre Alforque (@alforque):
... rejoice. They improve their product with each iteration.



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TODAY'S FORECAST

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By Jessica Gallart
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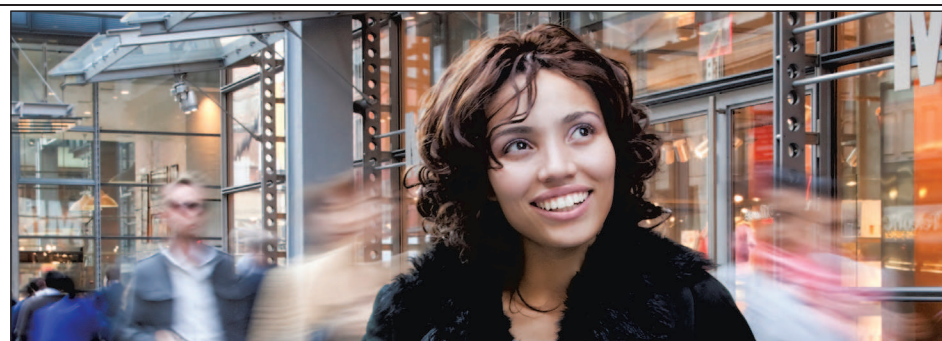
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Military ban likely to stay, Gates says

Reuters

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told thousands of sailors aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln on Monday that he was not especially hopeful that Congress would lift a ban on gays serving openly in the military by year's end.

Gates, speaking to the 5,000-member crew at an "all-hands call" aboard the aircraft carrier, noted that Congress has only about two weeks left to act on the legislation.

"I'd have to say I'm not particularly optimistic that they're going to get this done," Gates said during a question-and-answer session. "I would hope that they would."

The military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy bars gays from serving openly in the military but allows them to serve in the armed forces as long as they keep their sexual orientation secret.

Repeal of the ban has been one of President Obama's policy priorities, and the Department of Defense conducted a study over the past year to determine how best to handle lifting the ban. The study recommended an aggressive education program and training for members of the U.S. armed forces.

Big gains by Republicans in the Nov. 2 elections have raised doubts about whether Obama can muster the votes to end the ban once the new Congress takes office in January. That has raised pressure for its passage in the last weeks of the current Congress.

The visit was Gates' first to a deployed aircraft carrier conducting combat operations.

SOUND FAMILIAR?

The USS Abraham Lincoln is supporting NATO forces in Afghanistan. It often is remembered as the ship that displayed the "Mission Accomplished" banner when President George W. Bush visited on May 1, 2003, and declared major combat operations in Iraq had ended.



Opponents and supporters of Proposition 8 gather Monday outside the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco. GETTY IMAGES

Prop 8 battleground

California's ban on same-sex marriages goes to court—again

Reuters

SAN FRANCISCO A three-judge appellate panel considering whether to allow gay marriage to resume in California on Monday sharply questioned both sides of the case, which many expect to be appealed to the Supreme Court and to set national policy.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals judges have been asked to discard a lower court ruling that the state's 2008 Proposition 8 ban on same-sex marriage violates constitutional guarantees of equality and due process.

But first the court must decide whether the backers of the Proposition 8 ban have the right to defend it after the California governor and attorney general declined to do so.

Judges questioned whether anyone other than the named state officials had such a legal right, but some on the panel also seemed frustrated with the idea that by declining to defend a popularly approved ballot measure the governor and attorney general in effect could veto it.

"That does not seem to be consistent with the initiative system," Circuit Judge Stephen Reinhardt said in court during the first half of the hearing.

California voters, with a reputation for social liberalism, shocked the country in 2008 when they narrowly approved the Proposition 8 ban on gay marriage only months after the top state court opened the door to same-sex weddings.

More than 40 states have outlawed such

unions, but the California challenge could shape the nation if the Supreme Court decides to review the appeals court decision.

A lower court struck down the ban earlier this year, ruling that marriage is a fundamental constitutional right and that the defenders of the ban showed no justifiable reason for limiting the institution to opposite-sex couples.

The ruling is on hold, though, while under appeal.

California Attorney General—and governor-elect—Jerry Brown declined to defend the ban, and U.S. District Court Chief Judge Vaughn Walker questioned whether proponents of the ban had the legal right to defend it in the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals.



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Not all CTA riders enjoy cell sounds

Certain sounds are familiar on the CTA: the ping before the announcement that a train is stopping because it is waiting for signal clearance, the ding of a bus stop request.

Now another sound on the CTA is creating buzz: cell phone music. Going Public has been fielding complaints recently about riders scrolling through their ringtones list or playing music videos on their cell phones without earbuds.

"Why do some idiot cell phone users on the CTA feel the need to play music through their crappy cell phone speaker?" rider James Catalano posted last week on Going Public's CTA complaint forum, getsatisfaction.com/goingpublic. "You may have a fancy 'smart' phone, but you're brain dead if you can't use headphones."

The cell tone problem is likely to get worse. The CTA announced last month that Sprint/Nextel is set to begin providing cell phone service in the Red and Blue line subways next year. Five other major cell phone providers — AT&T, Verizon Wireless, U.S. Cellular, T-Mobile and Cricket — already offer that service.

Two out of three CTA riders use their cell phones while they're on the system, a recent Northwestern University survey of 336 Red and Purple line riders found. About 44 percent of respondents said they use audio and/or video electronics while they ride the CTA.

And it shows. As Going Public rode the No. 84-Peterson bus last week for the weekly "Rider's Block" feature, across the aisle, a tween girl played her ringtone list for her two friends. The bus concert, which lasted about half an hour, included Beyonce and Miley Cyrus. But this was no party in the USA.

For its part, CTA bus announcements warn users to be courteous when talking on their cell phones, and signs remind riders not to "yell on their cell."

But perhaps the CTA should update its antiquated "no radio playing" announcements to emphasize "no cell phone music" on the system.

Maybe if the agency added a ringtone to the announcement, it would get riders' attention.

A (Charlie) Brown Line Christmas

The CTA holiday train will travel on the Brown and Orange lines Wednesday through Saturday. This will be the only week the holiday train is on those two lines.

Full train schedule and photos are available at redeyechicago.com/goingpublic. Please send your holiday train photos to tswartz@tribune.com.



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DON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

Choose your pad carefully—the people next door could be a real nightmare

By Tracy Swartz

REDEYE

When Lauren Cooney lived in her Ravenswood apartment a few years ago, she didn't need an alarm clock.

She knew she would be awake at 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. every day, because that's when her upstairs neighbors would be the noisiest, Cooney said.

"They were having extremely loud sex several times a week. It was like clockwork," said Cooney, 25. Their interactions outside of the bedroom weren't much better, she added. "It sounded like they were literally jumping on the floor with a pogo stick."

But Cooney said she didn't want to go through the hassle of confronting her neighbors, whom she bumped into only occasionally. So she gritted her teeth for nearly a year before moving into an Edgewater condo, where she lives today (in silence because she can't hear her neighbors).

"The whole thing was, frankly, kind of embarrassing. I debated writing them a letter, but I didn't want to embarrass them," Cooney said. "It was something I unfortunately grew used to."

With winter arriving, Chicagoans are settling into their new apartments, homes and condos after fall moving season, and they're learning more about their neighbors. Sometimes, it isn't pretty.

Real estate agents who talked to RedEye said that when it comes to their neighbors, city residents sound off on everything from pets barking next door to boisterous parties to improper trash disposal.

But there's hope on the horizon. A **rent.com** survey of 1,000 Americans released this month found 36 percent of homeowners and 43 percent of renters admit to being friendlier to their neighbors during the holidays. Of those renters with holiday cheer, half send cards or gifts to their neighbors while 15 percent invite them to holiday parties, according to the survey.

Until then, RedEye consulted with Joshua Novy, a real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty in the West Loop, and Maurice Ortiz, of Apartment People in Lakeview, for tips on how to deal with problematic neighbors. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

"It sounded like they were literally jumping on the floor with a pogo stick."



Holiday rent race

Bah humbug. Sixty-one percent of renters who live in apartment buildings do not tip their building staff during the holidays, a study from **rent.com** released this month found. **Rent.com** surveyed 1,000 adult homeowners and renters in September about their seasonal giving habits. Here are more of the findings. **T.S.**

Lauren Cooney had noisy neighbors and gritted her teeth for nearly a year before moving into an Edgewater condo, where she lives today (in silence).

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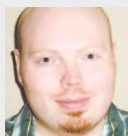
Melenie Broyles

A consultant with consulting firm Etiquette Chicago



Tim Baltz

A Second City member who once played a "roommate from hell" and currently performs in "The Absolute Best Friggin' Time of Your Life"



Joshua Novy

A real estate agent with Keller Williams Realty in the West Loop



Lyletta Robinson

A blogger who writes about her neighbors on the ChicagoNow blog "I Hate My Developer"

Your neighbors are loud. Their dogs are loud. Their parties are loud. What do you do?

I always suggest talking to a neighborhood trustee so the request to remain quiet is not so personal.

Dressed as a dog, go to them and politely say, "Hey, I work from home recording audio-books for policemen. Can you keep it down? Woof."

Hire the "Jersey Shore" guys.... Bring out the big guns.

If a polite discussion doesn't work, then walking around in high heels above them might.

When it comes to bad neighbors, there are property lines and there are blurrier social lines. RedEye asked experts to weigh in on how to handle common living situations. *r.s.*

Your neighbor is a busybody, constantly asking you about the people who come in and out of your place. What do you say?

Avoid her at all costs. Creative storytelling might stop her nosy questions. This worked for the neighbor on "Bewitched."

I'd tie it in to Thanksgiving. "You know, there's an old wives' tale about Thanksgiving that goes like this ... Stop #%&@-ing spying on me."

Tell them that you only have three months of free HBO and you're having a three-month movie marathon.

The only thing you need to know about my business is that it will never be any of yours.

BEFORE YOU BUY OR RENT ...

- » If you have a pet, meet your neighbors to see if it is compatible with their pets.
- » Opt to live on the top floor so there are no tenants above to create problems.
- » Ask about the material of the walls. Is it concrete? Is it wood? Concrete is better. Lofts tend to be less soundproof.
- » Look for water damage in the ceiling. Wet or warped tile could be a sign of upstairs neighbor plumbing issues, and tenants should move on.
- » If you want to live on the bottom or middle floor of a building, check out

- the mailbox for the upstairs neighbors. The more people on the box, the more people there are to be going up and down the stairs every night.
- » Check out the laundry room. If the laundry room is a total mess, those neighbors may be a little sloppy.
- » Look for clues in the backyard. Unkempt backyards equal messy neighbors.
- » Talk to other people in the building. Ask them if there are any problem neighbors.
- » Drive by at night. If you hear screaming, you probably want to keep looking.

AFTER YOU BUY OR RENT ...

- » Introduce yourself.
- » Talk to the neighbors if they're being obnoxious. Ask them if you can send them a text when they get too loud.
- » If the neighbors still are a problem, call the landlord or management company when the noise occurs so they can log the time of the complaints.
- » Set a good example. Don't make too much noise and don't play music after midnight.

TIPS FROM JOSHUA NOVY AND MAURICE ORTIZ



30%

Americans who plan to tip building staff the same amount as last year

52% 51%

Renters who don't plan to do anything special to contribute to their communities during the holiday season

Homeowners who don't plan to do anything special to contribute to their communities during the holiday season

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Renters who invite neighbors to holiday parties

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Renters who say they're not likely to attend a holiday party in their building

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30K Cuban cigars seized at O'Hare in two weeks

Chicago Tribune

U.S. customs officials say they've seized 30,000 Cuban cigars shipped from Europe to O'Hare in the past two weeks and are inspecting another 70,000 they also suspect are from Cuba.

The flood of the "popular contraband" is the biggest the Customs and Border Protection's Chicago field office has seen, officials said. The office typically seizes 10 to 12 cigars a week at the O'Hare mail facility.

It's illegal to import any Cuban product into the U.S. without a license from the U.S. Treasury Department.

"Our officers stationed at [Customs and Border Protection] mail facilities routinely discover and seize a variety of contraband arriving from all over the world, but this is the first time in Chicago we have seen this level of activity involving illegal cigars," said David Murphy, director of field operations for the Chicago field office.

Customs officers have confirmed that 30,000 cigars are of Cuban origin and still are sorting through 70,000, said Brian Bell, a Customs spokesman.

The seized cigars will be destroyed, officials said.

One Chicago cigar aficionado was agape when he heard the sheer number of cigars seized in recent weeks.

"Wow!" said Neil Mehra, who has owned Hubbard & State Cigar Shop for more than a decade.

Asked why Cuban cigars are so prized, Mehra said the climate and soil in Cuba are perfect for growing tobacco. Plus, he added, Cubans just know how to roll a cigar.

"I mean they make the best cigars because they've been making cigars for hundreds and hundreds of years," Mehra said.

Officials attribute the past two weeks' influx to changes in U.S. Transportation Security Administration regulations after two packages from Yemen were intercepted Oct. 29 as they were being shipped to synagogues in Chicago.



Outgoing Cook County Board President Todd Stroger (left) begins a special meeting Monday of the Cook County Board in Chicago as Toni Preckwinkle looks on before she is sworn in as the new president. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE**

Changing of the guard

Toni Preckwinkle sworn in as first female Cook County Board president

Chicago Tribune

Newly installed Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle pledged Monday to eliminate the remaining half-cent-on-the-dollar sales tax increase by January 2013.

Although next year's budget proposal won't include any further sales tax reduction, Preckwinkle said she would lower it by a quarter-cent-on-the-dollar in 2012 and again in 2013.

"We are going to make the government less expensive and more effective," she said.

She made the pledge minutes after being sworn in, which brought an end to the controversial single term of former Board President Todd Stroger.

The board assented to Stroger's request in February 2008 to raise the county portion of the sales tax by 1 percentage point—from

0.75 percent to 1.75 percent. After a major public backlash, the board agreed in December 2009 to override Stroger's veto and to roll back half of the increase. That cut took effect July 1.

The county portion of the sales tax stands at 1.25 percent. If Preckwinkle forges ahead with her plan, the county sales tax would drop to 1 percent in 2012 and back to 0.75 percent in 2013.

Preckwinkle handily won a four-candidate Democratic primary in February. She went on to win the general election and become the first female elected as county board president.

A smiling Preckwinkle, wearing a blue suit, noted she began her campaign for the office two years ago. She thanked her husband, Zeus, and her two adult children, Kyle

and Jennifer, for their support.

She also warned that the first budget will be difficult, with cuts of more than \$480 million expected.

"No one will be absolved, and no one will be alone," Preckwinkle said of the budget cuts to come. "We will meet this challenge together."

Throughout her campaign, most notably in a commercial featuring penny-pinching Founding Father Ben Franklin, Preckwinkle promised to eliminate the rest of the sales tax hike during her first term.

She also said she will accept the resignations of as many as two dozen people who held executive posts under Stroger and serve at the pleasure of the county's top elected leader. More changes are expected in coming weeks, she said.

zero

That's the number of shows that might tape at Harpo studios after "The Oprah Winfrey Show" wraps its final season in May, Crains Chicago Business reports. The two studios at Winfrey's Chicago-based Harpo Inc. simply may go dark while programs for her new OWN cable network are being filmed in L.A. and New York, the outlet reports.

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Family and friends mourn UIC student

A week after 21-year-old University of Illinois at Chicago student Olubusayo Awomolo (above) was fatally shot outside his south suburban house in Dolton, friends, professors and school administrators gathered Monday with his family to mourn his death.

Comcast service largely restored

An hours-long Internet service outage affecting Comcast customers in the Chicago area, north-west Indiana, south-west Michigan and Minnesota appeared largely over Monday morning.

Chicago trial slated for February

Prosecutors and defense attorneys said Monday they are on track for a February trial of a Chicago businessman charged in connection with 2008 terrorist attacks in India. **TRIBUNE**



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Baby, it's cold outside

With snow on the ground and a persistent flow of arctic air into the area, winter has planted a firm grip on Chicago. Cold weather is expected to remain in control through most of the week, though a brief mid-week warm-up could push the mercury close to 32 degrees Thursday while bringing a round of snow that could mix with sleet. Temperatures will tumble again Friday before the arrival of a potentially larger storm system that could bring another round of snow to the area by next weekend. **WGN WEATHER CENTER**

Police expand use of Tasers

Chicago Tribune

A new report shows that Chicago police used Tasers to subdue nearly 700 offenders in 12 recent months, a dramatic increase that reflects the department's decision earlier this year to expand its use of the weapons.

In a wide-ranging annual report issued Monday, the Independent Police Review Authority, which investigates serious accusations of police misconduct, said the increased use of the sometimes-controversial electrical devices has not generated many complaints,

however.

As a result, the agency said it has decided against investigating every time an officer uses a Taser, saying the hundreds of incidents were "overwhelming" its resources. Instead, it will do so only if allegations of misconduct are made, serious injury or death resulted, or a minor or senior citizen was targeted.

According to the report, officers used Tasers on 683 occasions in the year ended Sept. 30, up sharply from 197 in 2009 and 163 in 2008.

Rahm's renter drops out of mayor race



Halpin

Chicago Tribune

The businessman renting mayoral candidate Rahm Emanuel's house withdrew from the Chicago mayor's race Monday just hours before a hearing to decide whether he could be on the ballot.

Rob Halpin issued a statement saying "the realities of entering the race at this relatively late stage, including the financial and legal hurdles I'd have to leap in order to win, have forced me to reassess my intention to run at this time."

Halpin's impromptu candidacy had been in doubt all along and became more questionable after disclosures about the legitimacy of his candidacy petitions. Election law requires 12,500 valid signatures of Chicago voters to get on the ballot.

Halpin submitted about 17,000, but the Tribune reported last week that a number of people allegedly involved in the signature-gathering process said their names were used without their knowledge.

Election lawyer Burt Odelson met with Halpin over the weekend to go over Halpin's witness testimony for a hearing challenging Emanuel's residency. It was then that Halpin asked him to file the paperwork withdrawing his mayoral candidacy, Odelson said.

Emanuel faces a ballot challenge claiming that he does not meet the residency requirements of living in Chicago for a year before the election because the former White House chief of staff had rented his home to Halpin. The Chicago businessman first made news this fall when he declined Emanuel's request to end his lease early so Emanuel could move back in.

A schedule was set at Monday's hearing on challenges to knock Emanuel off the Feb. 22 ballot. Witnesses will be called, likely including Emanuel, starting Monday. Halpin also is expected to appear as a witness. Other evidence and documents also will be presented next week.

IN OTHER NEWS...

» Election officials on Monday voted to remove three little-known mayoral candidates from the ballot, saying they clearly didn't meet the requirements.

» Three voter-pleasing questions on parking meters, police and financing likely won't be on the Feb. 22 ballot after a planned City Council meeting ended Monday with fewer than the 26 aldermen required to call it to order.



Three attorneys for Rahm Emanuel, (from left) Michael Kasper, Michael Forde and Kevin Forde, listen Monday as challenges are entered against Emanuel's candidacy for mayor. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**



Solemn visit

1 Visitors enter the USS Arizona memorial over the weekend at Pearl Harbor. Tuesday marks the 69th anniversary of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, which drew the U.S. into World War II in 1941. **REUTERS PHOTO**



Reel cool

2 A fisherman tries his luck Sunday despite freezing temperatures in Slovakia. Heavy snow and extreme cold have slowed travel across much of Europe. **GETTY IMAGES**



A drink to diplomacy

3 Russian President Dmitry Medvedev raises a toast Monday during an official dinner with Polish President Bronislaw Komorowski in Warsaw. **GETTY IMAGES**



Unrest in Athens

4 A demonstrator kicks a tear gas canister Monday in Athens during a protest to mark the second anniversary of a teen who was shot dead by police. **GETTY IMAGES**

Consumer Reports: AT&T worst carrier

5 NEW YORK AT&T's customer satisfaction rating tumbled this year, ranking dead last among U.S. wireless carriers, according to a Consumer Reports survey released Monday.

The nation's second-largest wireless network received the worst possible rating in eight of the nine categories the magazine studied, including overall value, voice service, data service, phone service, staff knowledge and resolution of issues, among others.

Readers gave AT&T an overall score of just 60 out of 100, which is six points below its score a year ago and nine points below its nearest-ranked competitor, T-Mobile.

The report noted that AT&T "is now the worst carrier," and is the only wireless network with scores that dropped "significantly" over last year.

More than half of the AT&T customers surveyed own an iPhone, and the survey found that iPhone owners were "much less satisfied" with AT&T than other smart phone owners were with their carrier.

iPhone owners were particularly dissatisfied with AT&T's data service.

AT&T said it is working on solutions.

"We take this seriously and we continually look for new ways to improve the customer experience," said Fletcher

END OF AN ERA?

Fortune and other news outlets have reported that AT&T is about to lose its exclusive hold on the iPhone at the end of the year, and that Verizon will start selling the iPhone beginning in early 2011. As many as 6 million of AT&T's iPhone subscribers could defect to Verizon, according to a forecast by Drake Johnstone, a Davenport & Co. analyst.



Cook, spokesman for AT&T.

The wireless company was quick to point out that independent tests from Global Wireless Solutions have concluded that AT&T's mobile broadband network is 20 percent faster than its nearest competitor and 60 percent faster than archrival Verizon Wireless.

AT&T also has tremendous momentum in the wireless space, adding a net 2.6 million new wireless customers last quarter, half of whom were new iPhone customers.

That represented far more net additions than any of its competitors.

Court picks up Wal-Mart case

6 The Supreme Court has agreed to decide whether to certify the largest class-action employment lawsuit in U.S. history, a long-standing dispute against mega-retailer Wal-Mart Stores Inc. over alleged gender bias in pay and promotions.

South Korea warns of consequences

7 South Korean Foreign Minister Kim Sung-hwan said Monday after meeting with his U.S. and Japanese counterparts that all three "share the view that North Korea will face severe consequences" if it launches further attacks on South Korea.

Elizabeth Edwards has weeks to live

Elizabeth Edwards was surrounded Monday by family and friends in her North Carolina home after being informed by her doctors that further cancer treatment would be unproductive. Her prognosis was described in terms of weeks, not months.

WikiLeaks releases vital places list

WikiLeaks has published a secret U.S. diplomatic cable listing places the U.S. considers vital to its national security, prompting criticism that the website is inviting terrorist attacks on American interests.



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Rose (left) and Noah
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DUO THREATS

They're 22 years old, mega-rich and loaded with jaw-dropping basketball skills. Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook on Monday led the Oklahoma City Thunder against the Bulls, who countered with their own pair of fast-rising stars in Derrick Rose, 22, and Joakim Noah, 25. So which dynamic duo got the best of the other? Here's RedEye's breakdown by quarter.

1ST QUARTER

Noah looked more like a point guard than a center, using bounce passes to find teammates for three easy layups, while Rose had four assists and blocked one of Westbrook's shot attempts. Durant did have eight points and a block, but he also committed an offensive foul on a push-off and bricked two shot attempts off the glass.

Edge: Rose/Noah

2ND QUARTER

Westbrook surrounded two of his own buckets around a steal and assist on a 3-pointer by Thabo Sefolosha, helping to cut a 10-point deficit to five. Rose's best sequence came when he stopped Westbrook on a breakaway, and the Bulls guard found Luol Deng for a 3 on the next possession. Noah was benched for longer than he'd like because of foul trouble, and Durant chipped in four more points.

Edge: Westbrook/Durant

3RD QUARTER

This quarter was all Rose. When he wasn't making an acrobatic scoop shot on a lightning-quick drive or banking in a 30-footer at the buzzer, he was breaking down the defense and finding his teammates. Westbrook was effective slashing to the rim at times. Meanwhile, Noah sat for most of the quarter with his fourth foul, and Durant was given a head-scratching eight-minute rest.

Edge: Rose/Noah

4TH QUARTER

Durant finally came to life, living off free throws and layups to score 13 points; he finished with 29. Westbrook was a virtual nonfactor, as was Noah, who fouled out with less than a minute left. Rose did take a charge on defense and find Taj Gibson for a dunk to keep the Bulls' momentum going.

Edge: Westbrook/Durant

OVERALL WINNERS

Rose/Noah. All four players were impressive at times, but the Bulls' duo was much more effective throughout the first three quarters, when the outcome still was in doubt.



Westbrook (left) and Durant
GETTY IMAGES FILE



Forward Carlos Boozer (left), had his biggest night in a Bulls uniform Monday, pouring in a game-high 29 points to go with 12 rebounds in a win over Oklahoma City. NUCCIO DINUZZO/TRIBUNE

BULLS 99, OKLAHOMA CITY 90

BOOZER GOES BIG

MONSTER NIGHT DROWNS OUT POINT GUARD BATTLE

Chicago Tribune

Rest assured that next summer, in some tiny Santa Monica, Calif., gym, Derrick Rose and Russell Westbrook will remember Monday night.

They'll replay it not for fun but for fuel in the countless offseason workouts they share.

The Bulls defeated the Thunder 99-90 as Carlos Boozer tallied 29 points and 12 rebounds, Luol Deng added 19 points and eight boards and Kyle Korver contributed 13 points off the bench.

The Bulls also displayed a defensive edge that has been lacking, limiting the Thunder to 35.4 percent shooting and forcing 15 turnovers.

But the much-anticipated point guard battle between Rose and Westbrook rarely materialized.

Given the athletes they are, there were flashes of brilliance.

After Rose missed seven of his first eight shots, he scored on a cannon shot of a drive late in the third quarter and followed that with a 3-pointer from one

dribble inside half-court as the buzzer sounded.

Westbrook drew gasps from the sellout crowd of 21,184 with one spinning drive and three-point play.

Rose finished with 11 points, nine assists and two steals. Westbrook managed 15 points and seven assists but turned it over six times.

"Outside of the guys on my team, Derrick's my favorite in the league," Kevin Durant said. "He's so quick and athletic. I always enjoy watching him play."

Westbrook and Rose entered the game first and second in the NBA, respectively, in combined points/rebounds/assists average at 38.4 and 38.2. Their all-around play sparked pregame talk of this being the golden age of point guards.

"They are many similarities—the way they attack, their aggressiveness, their speed and quickness are very similar," Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. "They both have to run their teams and play with pace. At times, they can be a one-man fast break. And they're both great competitors."

Shhh, don't let this leak

The following top-secret document excerpts were obtained by WikiLeaks.

... In a private meeting between President Barack [redacted] and NFL Commissioner [redacted] Goodell, President [redacted] said "he needed something to go right in his presidency" and even though "the [redacted] Bears are mediocre at best" they could "probably do all right" if they face "pretty much exclusively teams' backups and got favorable calls."

... The [redacted] Sox outbid a "mystery team" which proved to be the "Duluth Fabrications" for the services of [redacted] Dunn by offering \$19 million a year, or what is known in the industry as "Jeter Money," despite the fact he is not particularly good at running, catching a baseball and especially a combination of the two.

... A transcript from a meeting between GM [redacted] Bowman and NHL Commissioner [redacted] Bettman revealed that the defending [redacted] Cup champion [redacted] Blackhawks are "elaborately feigning injuries" to "allow for more recovery time from their grueling playoff run." And to give "[redacted] Kane chances to recover from his grueling beer run."

... Although super illegal, [redacted] Hossa's contract with the [redacted] Blackhawks was ruled legal while [redacted] Kovalchuk's was not because "pretty much everyone likes dumping on New Jersey."

... In an e-mail hacked from Cubs owner [redacted] Ricketts account he wrote, "LOL i think i found a super easy way to get 300 mil" and "people won't even notice that we don't have a first baseman and will probably overpay a guy who hit under the mendoza line last year if i talk about wrigley [redacted] being torn down."

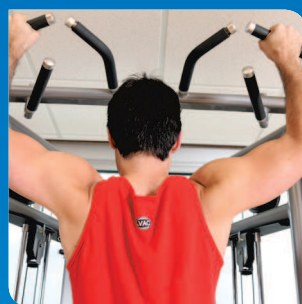
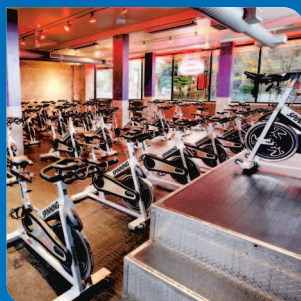
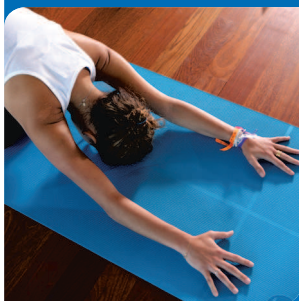
... Furthermore it was revealed the Cubs have been hiring front office personnel and players who were completely incompetent for the better part of the last century in order to upstage the Black Sox scandal.

... In a series of text messages between [redacted] Jordan and NBA Commissioner [redacted] Stern, it was finally discovered that during the 1994 season, [redacted] Jordan was [redacted] while he played minor league baseball.

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1 The Bears beating Detroit is like Scott Bolohan beating Tom Brady in a Bieber look-alike contest.	... Oswald killing Kennedy. Only possible with help from officials.	... beating the Packers' cheese "A\$\$" ... but twice as nice!	... beating a red-headed stepchild.	... a hurricane named Ditka.
2 Why has the Bears' running game woken up recently?	Someone finally wised up and is showing some sMartz. No need to name names.	The new Ke\$ha album is getting them super pumped.	It's freakin' cold outside. Have you been on the lake-front lately?	Because they realized Jay Cutler was their QB and not the boy from "Two and a Half Men."	Because Mike Martz recently has woken up.
3 Silly end zone dances—such as Drew Stanton's—are to quarter-backs as ...	Worst Dougie ever. That dance should be called the Doogie, as in, "Howsyer dance skills, dork?"	... awkwardly worded analogies—such as this one—are to Five on Five.	... T.O. and Ochocinco are to winning. Not gonna happen.	... crying is to babies.	... Tom Brady's hair is to Gisele.
4 How will the rest of the season play out for Brett Favre?	Favre will get 300 straight starts, then "sacrifice" for the team by sitting out the last game.	It'll probably resemble a roll of quarters.	\$1 million a game will make it play out just fine. Back up the truck, boys.	Depends on his Playgirl contract.	Depends on his cell phone provider.
5 Rate your excitement level for the college football bowl announcements.	I couldn't be more excited if you paid me Cam Newton money.	\$9/hr	So excited I may take a polar plunge into Lake Michigan ... in the nude.	On a scale of 1-10, about a 12.	As excited as the bookie priest on northtonorth.com .

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Kenny Williams (left) and Ozzie Guillen
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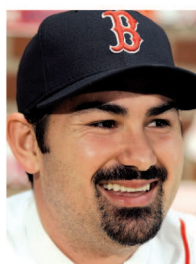
Cubs, White Sox doing their part to fuel baseball's hot stove

With baseball's winter meetings under way in Orlando, Fla., the trade and free-agent chatter is nonstop. Here's what the Cubs and White Sox had up their respective sleeves as of Monday. **REDEYE, TRIBUNE CONTRIBUTED**



Savings and Loney

Foxsports.com reports the Cubs have inquired about L.A. Dodgers first baseman James Loney (left). He fits the bill: He's left-handed and doesn't make much money (likely \$5 million after arbitration). Loney hit .267 last year with 10 homers and 88 RBIs. Not exactly Derrek Lee-in-his-prime numbers, but certainly a step up from anyone currently with the organization.



Yo, Adrian?

Last week, Williams said he had a "Plan B" in case Paul Konerko did not re-sign with the team. It now appears that plan might have been a trade for San Diego's Adrian Gonzalez (above), who wound up in Boston. According to a Twitter report by Bob Nightengale of USA Today, the White Sox were the runners-up in the Gonzalez trade talks, offering second baseman Gordon Beckham and prospects. In the meantime, the White Sox engaged in serious talks Monday with Konerko's representatives.

On your Mark ...

The Cubs named Mark Riggins as their new pitching coach Monday, replacing Larry Rothschild, who departed to take the same job with the Yankees. Riggins spent the past three seasons as the team's minor league pitching coordinator. Of course, the skill he'll need most is a knack for defusing Carlos Zambrano's tantrums.



That plan's ka-Putz

Former White Sox reliever J.J. Putz (left) has agreed to a two-year deal with Arizona, according to **foxsports.com**. Putz was 7-5 with a 2.83 ERA last season for the Sox, who now have some serious holes to fill in their bullpen. The team last week appeared to be cutting ties with longtime closer Bobby Jenks.



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2 Bruins 4, Sabres 1
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9:30 p.m. Vs.

3 T.O. will say something cocky. See how easy this predicting thing is?

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» Bears linebacker Pisa Tinoisamoa had minor arthroscopic surgery on his right knee, coach Lovie Smith said Monday. Tinoisamoa did not make the trip to Detroit and was not on the practice field Friday. Smith did not mention a timetable for Tinoisamoa's return. If he can't recover, Nick Roach would continue to start at strong-side linebacker, if healthy. Roach suffered a bruised hip in Sunday's win over the Lions, but the injury is not believed to be serious.

» ESPN has launched its new website for women. **ESPNW.com** debuted as a blog Monday, and a larger site aimed at female fans and athletes will go up in the spring. Guest contributors will include snowboarder Gretchen Bleiler, WNBA stars Tamika Catchings and Diana Taurasi, soccer's Julie Foudy and former Olympic swimmer Summer Sanders.

» NBA Commissioner David Stern confirmed Monday that the league is proceeding with a plan to buy the New Orleans Hornets. If the sale is approved by the NBA board of governors, the Hornets will be the first team owned by the league.



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South Side jazz club Velvet Lounge is closed, with plans to reopen later this week, the Tribune reports.

Turn up the countdown

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10 best concerts in Chicago this NYE

By Matt Pais

You've been there, had-enough of the bar thing on New Year's Eve. And you don't want to hang out at your place or anyone else's. The solution: live music. To answer your question: Yes, there are plenty of great concerts in Chicago on NYE. These are the 10 best. Find full event info and more great shows at metromix.com.



Japandroids 10 p.m. at Schubas (also Jan. 1)

This awesome Canadian duo already plays as if the world is low on time. Is there any band better suited right now to say goodbye to one year and hello to another?

Yeasayer 10 p.m. at Metro (also Dec. 30)

Close to a year after its release, the Brooklyn band's "Odd Blood" still amazes with its '80s-leaning shimmer and danceable tinkering, which remains far more accessible and interesting than most of the group's sometimes-wandering debut, "All Hour Cymbals."

The Black Keys

10 p.m. at Aragon (also Dec. 30, Jan. 1)

Continuing to tweak their blues-rock formula, the Akron, Ohio, duo's latest, "Brothers," finds new, dramatic ways to rumble and howl. Dan Auerbach's voice maintains its pained echo, while drummer Patrick Carney pushes on like he's overcoming something using sheer upper-body strength.

Robert Randolph and the Family Band

9 p.m. at House of Blues

If you've seen 'em live before, then you already know. If you haven't caught the pedal steel guitarist's raucous performances, which stretch for hours but blaze by in what feels like minutes, you're in for a treat.

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Roy Hargrove Quintet

8 and 10 p.m. at Jazz Showcase (also Dec. 28-30, Jan. 1-2)

OK, so you think you're not into jazz. Do you know that the veteran trumpeter has worked with folks like John Mayer, D'Angelo and Herbie Hancock, not to mention heads up his own funk-soul outfit, RH Factor?

The Tossers

10 p.m. at Beat Kitchen

You're looking for a calm, organized New Year's Eve concert. ... In that case you probably should avoid this bash with the Chicago Celtic punks, who embody rowdy celebration and boozy festivity like few other bands in the city.

Shemekia Copeland

10 p.m. at Space in Evanston

Ever wish you had the kind of powerful, soulful voice that almost would inevitably make people take notice? Harlem-born, Chicago-based blues singer Copeland probably doesn't, 'cause she's already got it.

Pretty Lights

7:30 p.m. at Congress Theater (also Dec. 30)

A great venue to showcase the ambient sounds and spacey light offerings of this Colorado outfit, which blends the booty-moving thump of drum and bass with electronic grooves and hip-hop undertones.



Cursive

10 p.m. at Subterranean

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ACROSS

- 1 Rib or tibia
- 5 Equestrian
- 10 Too smooth
- 14 Prayer closing
- 15 Sudden and severe
- 16 Italy's currency before the Euro
- 17 Good buy
- 18 Love goddess
- 19 In the distance
- 20 Infuriated
- 22 Street without an exit
- 24 Scoundrel
- 25 Smelly
- 26 Nerd
- 29 Derek and Diddley
- 30 Left-hand side ledger entry
- 34 Armed conflicts
- 35 E-mail laugh
- 36 Troublemaker
- 37 "Much _ About Nothing"
- 38 Like sweetened yams
- 40 _ about; be on the go without purpose
- 41 Baggage porter
- 43 Charged atom
- 44 Remain unsettled
- 45 Weirdo
- 46 Wildebeest
- 47 Like seawater
- 48 Make unclear
- 50 Naughty
- 51 Lowered in value
- 54 Slender plant part
- 58 Above
- 59 Consumers
- 61 Frilly trimming
- 62 Refer to
- 63 Motherless calf
- 64 Study of finance
- 65 Bench board
- 66 Nose, in humor
- 67 Cozy rooms

DOWN

- 1 Commanded
- 2 Foretelling sign
- 3 At hand

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- 4 Intertwines
- 5 Talked wildly
- 6 _ tea
- 7 Final bill
- 8 Piano pieces
- 9 Adjust a clock
- 10 Make joyous
- 11 Magazine title
- 12 Persia, today
- 13 Minstrel poet
- 21 Talk on and on
- 23 Helped
- 25 Doubling over
- 26 Sneezing or Doc
- 27 Egret or flamingo
- 28 Wear away
- 29 _ voyage
- 31 Holey breakfast nosh
- 32 Defeatist's phrase
- 33 Stuffed bear
- 35 Distance across a pool
- 36 Guys
- 38 Sweet desserts
- 39 Debtor's note
- 42 Hit film for Minnelli
- 44 Rowed
- 46 Baby held by his sponsor at Baptism
- 47 _ Francisco
- 49 Arguments
- 50 Assault
- 51 MDs, for short
- 52 "See no _"
- 53 Greek letter
- 54 Threesome
- 55 Marathon
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- **Megamind** (PG) 10:40, 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:30
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- **Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole** (PG) 1:00, 2:50, 4:40, 6:30, 8:20
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- **The Warrior's Way** (R) ♦ 12:50, 3:20, 5:50, 8:30, 10:55
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 11:30, 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:35
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 4:10, 7:15, 10:15
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 11:15, 2:15, 5:10, 8:15, 11:00
- **Faster** (R) 11:25, 2:20, 5:05, 7:45, 10:20
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) ♦ 11:20, 2:00, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30
- **Tangled** (PG) ♦ 1:25, 4:15, 7:00, 9:35
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:30, 4:00, 7:20, 10:40
- **AMC Independent 127 Hours** (R) 11:50, 2:10, 4:30, 7:10, 9:30
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) ♦ 11:45, 1:45, 3:10, 5:00, 6:20, 8:20, 9:40
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) 1:20 P.M.
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) ♦ 11:00, 1:40, 4:35, 7:25, 9:55
- **AMC Independent Fair Game** (PG-13) ♦ 1:15, 3:55, 6:40, 9:25
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:15, 4:55, 7:35, 10:25
- **Due Date** (R) ♦ 11:35, 2:05, 4:40, 7:30, 10:05
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 11:10, 1:50, 4:20
- **Red** (PG-13) 11:40, 2:30, 5:20, 8:10, 11:00
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 11:05, 1:55, 4:50, 7:50, 10:40

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- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:45
- **The Warrior's Way** (R) 12:00, 2:25, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:10, 2:10, 4:15, 7:10, 8:10, 10:10
- **Faster** (R) 2:05, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) 2:00, 4:55, 7:50, 10:45
- **Tangled** (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:25, 8:10, 10:55
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- **AMC Independent 127 Hours** (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:40, 8:15, 10:50
- **AMC Independent Today's Special** (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:05, 9:40
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- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30
- **Red** (PG-13) 4:45 P.M.

WEBSTER PLACE 11 (REGAL)

1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago
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- **The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader** (PG) Advance Tickets Available
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:00, 2:30, 3:20, 6:00, 7:00, 9:15, 10:10
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- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15
- **Megamind** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10
- **Due Date** (R) 12:05, 2:20, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30

SHOWPLACE GALEWOOD 14 (AMC)

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- **The Warrior's Way** (R) 1:40, 4:05, 6:30, 9:00
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 1:35, 4:00, 6:25, 8:50
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:20, 7:05, 10:00
- **Faster** (R) 2:05, 4:30, 6:50, 9:15
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) 1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:35
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 1:30, 2:40, 4:40, 5:50, 7:55, 9:10
- **Tangled** (PG) 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 9:55
- **Unstoppable** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05
- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 6:55, 9:40
- **Megamind** (PG) 2:30, 4:55, 7:15, 9:50
- **Skyline** (PG-13) 1:55, 4:10, 6:35, 8:55
- **Due Date** (R) 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 2:35, 5:45, 8:45

SHOWPLACE CICERO 14 (AMC)

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- **The Warrior's Way** (R) 2:00, 4:45, 7:10, 9:45
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) 1:45, 4:35, 7:25, 10:15
- **Faster** (R) 2:10, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30
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- **Skyline** (PG-13) 1:50, 4:15, 6:40, 9:05
- **Due Date** (R) 1:40, 3:55, 6:15, 8:50
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 2:55, 6:00, 8:55

SHOWPLACE ICON AT ROOSEVELT COLLECTION

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- **The Warrior's Way** (R) ♦ 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:55
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 2:20 P.M.
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 1:20, 4:10, 6:40, 9:20
- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ 1:40, 4:50, 7:30, 10:50
- **Faster** (R) ♦ 12:40, 3:40, 6:00, 8:20, 10:45
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- **127 Hours** (R) 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:00
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- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:10
- **Due Date** (R) 1:50, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
- **Fair Game** (PG-13) 2:50, 5:20, 8:10, 11:00
- **For Colored Girls** (R) 1:10, 4:20, 7:45, 10:40
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) 10:55 P.M.

VIP Premium 21+

- **Burlesque** (PG-13) ♦ **VIP Premium 21+** 4:50, 10:50
- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) ♦ **VIP Premium 21+** 2:00, 8:00
- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) **VIP Premium 21+** 12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:20

OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)

1022 Lake Street, Oak Park
(630) 444-FILM #560

- **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45
- **Tangled 3D** (PG) ♦ 12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45, 9:00
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:30, 9:55
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- **Love & Other Drugs** (R) ♦ 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50
- **Megamind 3D** (PG) 1:00, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00

EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)

1715 Maple Ave., Evanston
(847) 492-0123 ♿

- **Black Swan** (R) ♦ 12:50, 3:30, 6:10, 8:50
- **Black Swan** (R) ♦ 11:40, 2:20, 5:15, 7:40, 10:30
- **Fair Game** (PG-13) ♦ 11:35, 2:25, 5:05, 8:00, 10:40
- **Inside Job** (PG-13) ♦ 10:35 P.M.
- **Morning Glory** (PG-13) ♦ 11:20, 5:30, 8:05
- **The Warrior's Way** (R) ♦ 11:15, 2:15, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10
- **127 Hours** (R) 1:00, 3:25, 6:05, 8:30, 10:55
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- **The Next Three Days** (PG-13) ♦ 2:05, 10:45
- **The Social Network** (PG-13) ♦ 1:25, 4:25, 7:25
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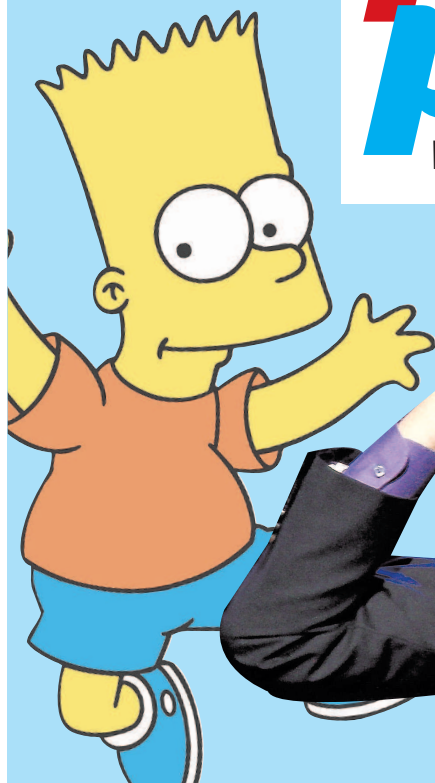
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What celebs would advocate if they ran for office



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By Dana Moran
REDEYE

We've seen this political debate before ... well, half of it, anyway. Will Ferrell and Zach Galifianakis will star as rival candidates in an as-yet-untitled movie set to come out around the 2012 elections. Whether Ferrell will reprise his Dubya-esque daffiness remains to be seen, but it made us wonder what other famous faces would offer if they ran for office. Here are some suggestions that may or may not get them elected.

BART SIMPSON

» **Environment:** All cars will be replaced with skateboards.

» **Education:** Schools will be eliminated and children will instead have knowledge chips installed.

» **Telecommunications:** Caller ID will be banned in order to allow prank calls to be anonymous again, especially those made to bartenders.



CONAN O'BRIEN

» **Cabinet:** Will consist entirely of look-alikes, including Finnish President Tarja Halonen as his chief adviser.

» **Intellectual property rights:** Will put control back in the hands of the creative minds thus letting the Masturbating Bear run wild and free once more.

» **Nutrition:** Cocoa Puffs will become the national cereal. Unfortunately this may result in a large segment of the population developing crazy sugar pinwheel eyes.



SNOOKI

» **Gun Control:** Only spray-tan guns and ear-piercing guns will remain legal.

» **Drinking age:** Lower it to 18 among guidos and guidettes, but raise it to 25 for those without true Jersey spirit. Also, fight any attempted Four Loko ban.

» **Global warming:** Wait, if the globe is warmer, doesn't that mean we won't be cold in the winter? Awesome!



KATY PERRY

» **American dream:** Sunshine, candy, rainbows and sprinkles for everyone.

» **Health care:** Free for those who have consumed too much candy and sprinkles.

» **Public education:** Puppet seminars explaining new free health care plan.



Yearend Closeout Means Big Savings

Al Piemonte Ford announced the start of its month long Year End Closeout Sale. The annual event always draws hundreds of last minute bargain seekers to the giant Melrose Park auto dealership. This years promises to be bigger than ever according to Al Piemonte, dealership owner.

"We're pricing every remaining 2010 Ford car, truck, van and SUV to sell by December 31st. Our sales managers and our sales consultants have been given incentives to sell as many vehicles as possible."

Piemonte went on to explain, "This is the only time of year that we actually have overlapping sales events. In addition to the Year End Closeout Sale, we also kick off our New Year/New Car Event. If you can't find a deal here in December, you better give up. It's that good a sale!"



Al
Piemonte

If the number of calls coming into the switchboard are any indication, Piemonte's comments may be right on target. The phones have been ringing off the hook since the event was announced last week. Call volume has been so brisk that Piemonte urges shoppers to come in early while selection is best. "When the last 2010 is gone, this sale is over and that could happen well before the end of December."

The dealership is located at 25th and North Avenue in Melrose Park and can be reached by phone at 888-485-6776.

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red hot

Who is that blonde? Why it's "Easy A" star Emma Stone (right), best known as a redhead but who has returned to her natural blond locks. "It's my 'Spider-Man' hair," Stone, who will play Gwen Stacy in the next flick, told **instyle.com** on Sunday in L.A. "Blondes do have more fun, but sometimes I look in the mirror and still feel like I'm wearing a wig."

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That's how much was paid for a sequined Michael Jackson glove from his "Bad" tour at the "Icons & Idols" auction over the weekend in Beverly Hills, Calif. A custom leather costume designed for Jackson's bud, Bubbles the chimp, sold for a mere \$11,250.



Smith

Rockin' NYE lineup

Willow Smith will stay up way past her bedtime to whip her hair in the mega-packed lineup for "Dick Clark's Primetime New Year's Rockin' Eve," Reuters reports. Other perform-

ers include Drake, Train, Jennifer Hudson, Ne-Yo, Avril Lavigne, Jason Derulo, La Roux, Mike Posner and Natasha Bedingfield. Ryan Seacrest and Jenny McCarthy will host the New York side of the event, while Fergie will hold down the fort in L.A.

NPH geeks out

Is there any awards event Neil Patrick Harris can't host? We think not. NPH, who has been the MC for the Tonys and Emmys, will run the show for Spike TV's 2010 Video Game Awards, which will air live Saturday, according to **mtv.com**. Harris even has some gamer cred: He voiced a version of Peter Parker in "Spider-Man: Shattered Dimensions," released earlier this year.



Griffin

Don't mess with Bristol

Kathy Griffin's camouflage bikini couldn't save her from getting booed by troops after a Bristol Palin fat joke, USA Today reported. "She's the only contestant in the history

of ['Dancing With the Stars'] to actually gain weight," Griffin said of Palin amid boos during "VH1 Divas Salute the Troops," which was taped Friday at Miramar Marine base in San Diego. "No, come on, come on. She gained like 30 pounds a week."

Jennifer Beals on location

"The Chicago Code," which has been filming around the city since the summer, made a stop Monday in the lobby of the Tribune Tower, home of the RedEye offices. We don't know exactly what the scene was about, but RedEye did spot series star Jennifer Beals, a prop metal detector and a bunch of extras dressed as police officers and fire officials. Guess we'll have to wait for the series to premiere Feb. 7 on Fox to find out what they were doing.



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